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To: All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 81-56

MEDI-CAL-ONLY ELIGIBILITY PROCESSING OF AFDC CASES TERMINATED DUE TO PL 97-35 (OMNIBUS RECONCILIATION ACT)

Reference: Letter No. 81-53

In Letter No. 81-53 you were advised to delay processing terminated AFDC cases until we had the statutory authority to file emergency regulations implementing the AFDC earned income deduction changes. It now appears that we will not have the authority in sufficient time to have regulations filed in December. Therefore the instructions below should be followed.

Families Restored to AFDC Cash Pursuant to Turner vs. Woods

These families are entitled to Medi-Cal as public assistance recipients for any month that an AFDC payment is made. Medi-Cal cards if not already issued, should be issued as part of the AFDC cash restoration process.

Medi-Cal-only Evaluation Following AFDC Termination

Since, in most instances, families will be discontinued due to law changes rather than changes in circumstances, an AFDC medically needy determination should be made without an additional client contact. The eligibility and share of cost should be determined under current Medi-Cal regulations. This means that former AFDC recipients with earnings are entitled to the $30 plus one-third deduction for four months following AFDC termination as well as actual mandatory deductions and work related expenses. Such cases should be flagged so conversion can occur once we have filed our standard income deduction regulation revisions.

Medi-Cal Card Issuance

If Medi-Cal-only eligibility has been determined for affected AFDC cases for December, and Medi-Cal identification cards issued accordingly, then counties should insure that retroactive restoration of those cases to AFDC in December does not cause a second Medi-Cal card to be issued.

If you have any questions contact your Medi-Cal program consultant.

Sincerely,

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